



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Throughout our nation's history, Americans have never been afraid to take a stand against those who threaten our freedom; the actions of the brave allow us all to live free in this great land we call home. No matter the enemy, the proud members of our military have always selflessly rushed to our nation's defense, and we must recognize the pain of sacrifice and the sting of loss felt by many American families when a loved one does not return home.

It is a sad yet evident truth that liberty does not come without cost. Our hearts are torn with sorrow for the courageous men and women who make the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our nation, yet we are filled with pride for the way they lived their lives by embodying America's legacy of liberty and freedom for all. We owe these brave Americans the most profound debt of gratitude for their sacrifice, and we also owe our sincere appreciation to their loved ones.

While we mourn as a nation, none feel the pain of loss more deeply than the families of the fallen. Among the grieving are spouses, parents, children, and others who have devoted themselves to preserving the spirit of patriotism and duty for which their loved one served and who offer support to other mourning families. In the hardest of circumstances, these families truly exemplify the courage and sacrifice that make America unique.

Each September, a special day of recognition and remembrance is held to honor the sacrifices made by families of our fallen sons and daughters. These families face great sorrow, but they continue to uphold the values of our nation with grace, dignity, and profound appreciation for the freedoms we enjoy and hold dear.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to recognize and honor the families of those who have served our country and to pay special tribute to the losses they have suffered in the name of freedom. They serve as courageous examples to us all, today and every day.

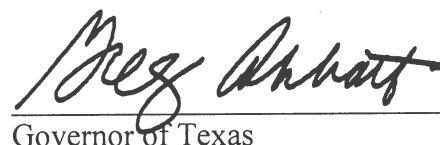
Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim September 26, 2021, to be

Gold Star Family Day



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature this the
21st day of September, 2021.


Governor of Texas